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REGULATION UPDATE

TERMITE BAIT STATIONS AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS

TO: ALL REGISTERED PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND BRANCH OFFICES

The Structural Pest Control Board has amended section 1991(a)(8)(c) and adopted sections 1993.2 and 1993.3 of Title 16, Division 19 of the California Code of Regulations.

Regulation section 1991(a)(8)(c) requires that a specific statement be made on each inspection report when any recommendation for local treatment is made.

Section 1993.2 and 1993.3 defines above-ground and in-ground termite bait stations, and requires a structural inspection prior to installation.

The amended and adopted language, which became effective July 26, 2003, is attached.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, you can contact Dennis Patzer at (916) 561-8700.

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Section 1993.2. Termite Bait Station.

(a) For the purposes of this section and section 1993.3, “termite bait station” shall include:

(1) an “above-ground bait station,” which shall mean any device containing pesticide bait used for the eradication of wood destroying pests that is attached to the structure,
or

(2) an “in-ground bait station,” which shall mean any device containing a material to attract and or monitor wood destroying pests, or containing a pesticide bait to eradicate wood destroying pests, that is placed in the ground.

(3) an “in-ground termite monitoring system” is a device placed in the ground to determine the presence or absence of subterranean termites through scheduled periodic inspections.

(b) Prior to installation of any termite system, a full or limited inspection of the structure shall be made.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 8525, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 8514, Business and Professions Code.

Section 1993.3. In-Ground Termite Bait Stations:

Use of in-ground termite monitoring and/or baiting systems shall be considered a control service agreement as defined by section 8516 of the code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 8525, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 8516, Business and Professions Code.

Section 1991. Report Requirements Under Section 8516(b)10.

(a) Recommendations for corrective measures for the conditions found shall be made as required by paragraph 10 of subdivision (b) of Section 8516 of the code and shall also conform with the provisions of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and any other applicable local building code, and shall accomplish the following:

(1) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(1) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

2) Remove from the subarea all excessive cellulose debris in earth contact. This excludes shavings or other cellulose too small to be raked or stored goods not in earth contact. Stumps and wood imbedded in footings in earth contact shall be treated if removal is impractical.

(3) When evidence of moisture, infestations or infections exists as a result of faulty grade levels, earth fill planters or loose stucco, a recommendation shall be made to correct the condition. Any method of controlling infestations arising from these conditions is considered adequate if the infestation is controlled.

(4) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(6.1) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (Effective July 1992).

(5) Structural members which appear to be structurally weakened by wood-destroying pests to the point where they no longer serve their intended purpose shall be replaced or reinforced. Structural members which are structurally weakened by fungus to the point where they no longer serve their intended purpose shall be removed or, if feasible, may remain in place if another structural member is installed adjacent to it to perform the same function, if both members are dry (below 20% moisture content), and if the excessive moisture condition responsible for the fungus damage is corrected. Structural members which appear to have only surface fungus damage may be chemically treated and/or left as is if, in the opinion of the inspector, the structural member will continue to perform its originally intended function and if correcting the excessive moisture condition will stop the further expansion of the fungus.

(6) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(6) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

(7) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(4) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

(8) Exterminate all reported wood-destroying pests. Such extermination shall not be considered repair under section 8516(b)(12) of the code. If evidence indicates that wood-destroying pests extend into an inaccessible area(s), recommendation shall be made to either:

(A) enclose the structure for an all encompassing treatment utilizing materials listed in Section 8505.1 of the code, or

(B) use another all encompassing method of treatment which exterminates the infestation of the structure, or

(C) locally treat by any or all of the following:

1. exposing the infested area(s) for local treatment,
2. removing the infested wood,
3. using another method of treatment which exterminates the infestation.

(If any recommendation is made for local treatment, the report must contain the following statement: "Local treatment is not intended to be an entire structure treatment

method. If infestations of wood-destroying pests extend or exist beyond the area(s) of local treatment, they may not be exterminated.")

When a complete inspection is performed, a recommendation shall be made to remove or cover all accessible pellets and frass of wood-destroying pests.

When a limited inspection is performed, the inspection report shall state that the inspection is limited to the area(s) described and diagrammed. A recommendation shall be made to remove or cover all accessible pellets and frass of wood-destroying pests in the limited areas. The limited inspection report shall include a recommendation for further inspection of the entire structure and that all accessible evidence of wood-destroying pests be removed or covered.

(9) For the extermination of subterranean termite infestations, treat an infested area under the structure when subterranean termite tubes are found connected to the ground or when active infestations are found in the ground. Subterranean termite tubes shall be removed where accessible.

(10) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(2) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

(11) Correct any excessive moisture condition that is commonly controllable. When there is reasonable evidence to believe a fungus infection exists in a concealed wall or area, recommendations shall be made to open the wall or area.

(12) Repair a stall shower if it is found to leak when water tested for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes after the shower drain has been plugged and the base filled to within one (1) inch of the top of the shower dam. Stall showers with no dam or less than two (2) inches to the top of the dam are to be water tested by running water on the unplugged shower base for a minimum of five (5) minutes. Showers over finished ceilings must be inspected but need not be water tested. If water stains are evident on the ceiling, recommendations shall be made for further inspection and testing.

(13) Restore any members of wooden decks, wooden stairs or wooden landings in exterior exposure to a condition where they are able to carry out their intended function. Recommendations for corrective measures will depend upon the extent of adverse exposure and existing degree of deterioration and may include any of the following:

(A) Refasten any wood members which are considered structurally functional but have become loose because of wood deterioration.

(B) Remove and/or replace structurally weakened portions of any wood member.

(C) Remove and replace all wood members if full function and safety cannot be restored by partial replacement and repair as in (B) above, remove and replace entire wood member.

(b) Preconstruction application of termiticide for protection from subterranean termites shall not be made at less than the manufacturer's label specifications.

(c) If in the opinion of the inspector a building permit is required, it must be noted on the wood destroying pests and organisms inspection report (Form No. 43M-41 as specified in section 1996 of the California Code of Regulations).

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 8525, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 8516, Business and Professions Code.